

HUGE BRIBES

Were Handed Out to San Francisco Officials.

RUEF GAVE IT OUT.

Bottle Came from Fight Promoters, Gas and Telephone Companies—Some Men Got \$10,000.

San Francisco, March 21.—The grand jury last night returned 86 indictments charging bribery. Of these 66 were against Abraham Ruef and 19 against T. V. Halsey, ex-general agent of the Pacific States Telephone Co. Halsey is now in Manila installing a telephone service.

A statement by Assistant District Attorney Heney, the first authoritative announcement that Heney has made for publication in regard to the number of indictments returned by the grand jury says:

"Of the 86 indictments charging Ruef with bribery, 18 are for the alleged bribing of the board of supervisors in connection with the granting of light permits to the so-called light trust. Ruef is charged with having paid each one of the 18 supervisors \$500, and one indictment was returned for each supervisor alleged to have been bribed. Eighteen indictments against Ruef are for bribing the 18 supervisors to vote for \$5-cent gas instead of a 75-cent rate, it being charged that each one of the supervisors was paid \$750 by Ruef.

"Thirteen indictments against him are for the alleged bribing of 13 supervisors in connection with the granting of a franchise to the Home Telephone Co. The telephone company bid and paid to the city \$25,000 for the franchise. In connection with the same matter 14 indictments were returned against T. V. Halsey, formerly general agent of the Pacific States Telephone Co., for the alleged bribing of four supervisors to vote against the granting of a franchise to the rival company."

Halsey is charged with having paid 13 supervisors \$5,000 each and to James L. Gallagher \$10,000. Halsey, it is said, agreed to pay each supervisor \$2,500 additional if the franchise was not granted to the Home company. Of the 14 supervisors who, it is charged, were bribed by Halsey, nine, Mr. Heney said, turned around and took money from the other company to vote for the franchise. Two of them returned part of the money they received. The Home Telephone Co. besides the \$25,000 bid for the franchise, paid \$62,000 to the supervisors, said Mr. Heney, all of which passed through Ruef's hands.

Eight supervisors who, it is charged, were bribed by Halsey with \$6,000 each are alleged to have taken \$3,500 from Ruef to grant the franchise to the Home Telephone Co. Four supervisors who Mr. Heney said did not accept a bribe from the Pacific States Telephone Co. to oppose the granting of the franchise to the rival company are alleged to have taken a bribe of \$6,000 each from Ruef of the money furnished the latter by the Home company. One supervisor, Rea, according to Heney, did not accept money in connection with the granting of the telephone franchise. Supervisor Gallagher, Mr. Heney declared, handled the money for the board in connection with Ruef and all are said to have received \$10,000.

Seventeen indictments charge Ruef with bribery in connection with the granting of the trolley franchise to the United Railways and the fire law April, Supervisor Rea again not receiving any money.

Fifteen supervisors, said Mr. Heney accepted from Ruef \$4,000 each to vote for the trolley franchise. One ex-supervisor Wilson, now a state railroad commissioner, was paid \$10,000 and Gallagher \$15,000. Mr. Heney said all the supervisors with the exception of Duffy, now president of the board of public works, have testified before the grand jury and confessed all their participation in the acceptance of bribes. Duffy is willing to testify.

Accident Fatal to Three.

Sandusky, O., March 21.—Edward Roberts, of Lake Linden, Mich., and Edward Webster, Fairport, O., were instantly killed and T. J. Bauman, of Toledo, fatally injured Wednesday afternoon when a seven and a half ton girder upon which they were working, fell from the top of an 80 foot derrick at the Pennsylvania rail way docks, west of Sandusky, where car dumpers are being erected. The men were employees of the McElyre Manufacturing Co., of Cleveland, contractors doing the work.

"Clansman" Is Banned from Detroit.

Detroit, March 21.—Mayor Thompson last night prohibited the production of "The Clansman," the play adapted from Thomas Dixon's book of the same title, which was booked for the Detroit opera house for a week in April.

A New Anti-Pass Bill.

Concord, N. H., March 21.—A bill forbidding state officials from using or soliciting free passes on the railroads passed the state senate Wednesday. The measure was then sent to the house, which also passed it. The bill now awaits the governor's signature. By the bill the governor is authorized to contract for railroad transportation of members of the legislature and public officers as needed. The present mileage compensation is abolished and a weekly allowance made for legislators traveling from their homes to the state capital.

OUR HAPPY AMERICAN HOME



And Now John D. Wishes to Play with Uncle.

WERE BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Six Men Who Were Making Dynamite

are Killed by an Explosion.

Dubois, Pa., March 21.—An explosion occurred late Wednesday in the Emporium powder mill, located two miles west of Emporium, Pa., which caused the death of six men, three Americans, Charles Eckles, James Pomas and William Moran, all of Emporium, and three Italian laborers.

The explosion occurred in the mixing house. There were 1,000 pounds of dynamite in the building and the six men who lost their lives were engaged in making dynamite by mixing nitro-glycerine and wood pulp. The town of Emporium was shaken until windows fell in and the jar was felt as far as St. Marys and Driftwood, 20 miles distant.

When the men employed about other parts of the plant had recovered from the shock they were unable to find a vestige of the mixing house, the six men who were at work there, or any of their implements. There was nothing at the site of the building but a great hole in the earth 12 feet deep. Not a scrap of the building nor a thread of clothing or particle of the bodies of the men has been found. The loss to property was about \$7,000.

Would Change the Signal System.

Chicago, March 21.—The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way association at a meeting here Wednesday adopted a report recommending changes in the present method of railway signaling. The suggestions it is said will add materially to the safety of train operation. The report recommends that the style of signal semaphore now in use be changed so that the signals will be given in the right hand upper quadrant of the circle, instead of the lower right hand quadrant. The style of signal semaphore now in use is the same as heretofore.

Three Churches to be Merged.

Chicago, March 21.—Union of the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches into one body was virtually accomplished last night at a general council of the three denominations. The new church will have about 1,200,000 communicants, 11,000 preachers and 13,000 churches. Of these communicants 700,000 will be contributed by the Congregationalists, 200,000 by the Methodist Protestants and 300,000 by the United Brethren.

Store Wrecked by Bomb Explosion.

Philadelphia, March 21.—The store of Joseph Tusa, a fish dealer at No. 820 Christian street, was wrecked last night by a bomb supposed to have been thrown into the place by Black Hand agents. Tusa and his daughter were in a rear room at the time and escaped serious injury, as did the family of Giovanni Ragaglia, who occupy rooms over the store.

Bank Cashier and \$68,000 Missing.

Charlotte, N. C., March 21.—Frank H. Jones, assistant cashier of the Charlotte national bank of this city, is missing with \$68,000 of the bank's funds. Jones left the city Saturday night. Jones was a member of the Presbyterian church and active in church affairs.

Mrs. Sage Gives \$150,000 to Sailors.

New York, March 21.—Announcement is made that Mrs. Russell Sage has donated \$150,000 to the American Seaman's Friend Society, to be used by it in the erection of a proposed sailors' home and institute.

The Skuld's Crew Were Rescued.

London, March 21.—The British steamer Shenandoah, passed Brown Head Wednesday, having aboard the crew of the Norwegian steamer Skuld, which was previously reported by the German steamer Bosnia, arrived at New York, having been seen abandoned on her beam ends.

Terrorists are Busy.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, March 21.—In spite of the apparent calm in this city there has been no decrease in Terrorist activity. During the past three days three stations on the Vistula railroad have been attacked and robbed and several policemen killed.

Convicted of Kidnapping and Murder.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 21.—The jury in the case of Joshua Harrison, charged with the kidnapping and murder of Kenneth Beasley, the 9-year-old son of ex-Senate Senator Beasley, last night rendered a verdict of guilty.

BLOW FALLS.

Jerome Asks the Court that Thaw Shall be

DECLARED INSANE.

Sensational Crisis in Murder Trial Is Reached—Judge Fitzgerald Halts the Proceedings.

New York, March 21.—The blow which Harry K. Thaw has been in terror of ever since his trial for the murder of Stanford White began, fell Wednesday. District Attorney Jerome did not make formal application for the appointment of a commission in lunacy, but in an impassioned speech he appealed to the conscience of the court, asserting that Thaw as he sits daily in court is unable intelligently to advise his counsel and is believed by every one who has watched and come into contact with him to be insane.

Mr. Jerome stated that his own attorneys—the six men who testified for the state—were convinced when they had considered all the facts in connection with the case that Thaw was of unsound mind. Mr. Jerome dramatically accused the counsel for the defense of concealing testimony which, if presented to the court, would make the continuance of the trial a crime. So earnestly did he plead that Justice Fitzgerald dismissed the jury until Friday morning and adjourned court until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when he will consider whatever evidence either side has to offer and decide whether the trial shall go on, or whether a commission in lunacy shall be appointed to pass up on Thaw's present condition.

The scenes attending the adjournment of court were dramatic. Thaw's counsel seemed taken utterly by surprise. Yesterday was expected to be the last day of the trial except for the summing up before the jury. Soon after the three-cornered discussion between Justice Fitzgerald, District Attorney Jerome and Mr. Delmas began. Thaw's five other attorneys gathered around the judge's desk and for a time seemed intent upon denying what the court had termed the charges of unprofessional conduct brought against them by the prosecuting officer. Thaw, dejected, sat desolate at his counsel table.

Justice Fitzgerald even went so far as to discuss the personnel of a possible commission in lunacy. He said he did not wish to appoint any alienists who had been consulted in the case by either side, and desired to be given the names of every doctor so consulted. It was agreed that both sides should submit affidavits to-day.

Must Face a Court-Martial.

Washington, March 21.—The navy department has issued an order for a court-martial to try Capt. William Swift, commanding the battleship Connecticut, on these charges: "Through negligence, suffering a vessel to run upon a rock," and "neglect of duty in connection with above."

Drew a 15-Year Sentence.

Warren, O., March 21.—William Wilson, of Burghill, found guilty at a court-martial upon Mrs. Della Morrison, on Wednesday was sentenced by Judge Roberts to 15 years in the penitentiary, the law's limit.

Nicaraguans Claim a Victory.

Washington, March 21.—A dispatch received by the Nicaraguan minister says that the united armies of Salvador and Honduras, numbering 5,000 after a three days' battle at Masagaya, have been defeated by the army of Nicaragua.

Shot His Wife and Suicided.

Boston, March 21.—John Blake, an employee of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., met his wife Mary on a street in South Boston Wednesday, shot her and then committed suicide. The woman may live.

\$1,000 BILLS

Figure Conspicuously in Mr. Puter's Story.

AS BRIBE MONEY.

History of Land Frauds and Herrmann and Mitchell's Connection Therewith Is Recounted.

Washington, March 21.—S. A. D. Puter, who gave his residence as the Multnomah county jail, Oregon, where he has served six months of a two years' sentence for land frauds, was a witness for the government in the Herrmann trial here Wednesday. Mr. Puter gave with startling directness the details of the difficulties and cost which had attended his efforts to obtain patents to 12 homesteads in the Cascade forest reserve, now known as the "eleven-seven" frauds in Oregon.

He said he first "rounded up" ten people and agreed to pay them \$15 each to make entries to the claim and turn over the deeds to him. He then saw Dr. Loomis, the special agent of the land office in that state, gave him \$500 to make a favorable report on the claims and promised him a like amount when the patents should issue. He also endeavored to "fix things" with Ormsby, the state forester, by giving Ormsby's son \$500.

After the Loomis report reached Washington, Puter learned that some thing was wrong, and as he had been there several times before and knew Mr. Herrmann very well, he decided to come at once. Before leaving Oregon, he got a letter of introduction to Senator Mitchell from Attorney Mayes, of Portland. Puter said he knew Mitchell, but asked Mayes to write a "strong" letter and indicate to the senator that Puter would pay him well to fix things up for him. He presented the letter to the senator on his arrival and also called on Mr. Herrmann. Mr. Herrmann told him that his matters were being looked into.

Senator Mitchell visited Mr. Herrmann in the case and it was decided that additional affidavits were necessary. It was decided to send for Mrs. Watson, who had made one of the entries, and who was then in Los Angeles. On her arrival Puter said he took her to Mitchell and affidavits were drawn. Puter said that the next morning Mitchell took Mrs. Watson and Puter to call on Mr. Herrmann and that at this meeting the senator told the commissioner about the affidavits and said as soon as they were sworn to they would be furnished.

It was about four days after the affidavits had been furnished that he called on Herrmann, and said he was completely knocked out by being told that his claims all needed more proof. Herrmann advised him to go back to Oregon and get his proof. Puter said he did at once called on Mitchell, who also advised the same way. Puter said he told both Mitchell and Herrmann that it was useless to do this, that the people who had made the entries were scattered and it would be useless to try to get proof from them, besides, he said that if he did get them together they would hold him up for more than he had first paid them.

He talked the matter over with Mitchell for two hours, as the result of which Mitchell went to see Herrmann that day. That night he called on Mitchell. It was at this conference, he said, that he took out two \$1,000 bills and laid them in front of Mitchell, saying that this amount represented all that he (Puter) could spend on the claims and get out whole if he got the patents. He said he told Mitchell to take the money and get the patents. He said Mitchell took one of the bills and tossed it over to Puter, saying that Puter could not afford to spend so much. Puter said he tossed the bill back and it passed several times in this way. Finally, Puter testified, Mitchell took both bills and kept them and said he would see what could be done.

Mitchell called on Herrmann and when asked by Puter to call on him Herrmann said he did and Herrmann told him that he thought things could be arranged so that the patents would issue. He said he had taken the matter personally. The witness testified that Mitchell saw Herrmann again the next day and later that day Puter met Herrmann on the street. Herrmann stated he had seen Mitchell and that his patents would be issued. Puter said he was so sure of this that he called a day or so after this Puter called a Herrmann's office and was taken to the basement of the general land office, where an old lady was at work making out his patents. He said he took the train for the west at once and upon reaching Portland, after stopping for a short time at his home in Berkeley, Cal., found the patent waiting for him. His total expense Puter said, had been \$7,000 or \$8,000.

The German steamer Horn has been sunk in the North sea with the loss of 21 lives.

A bomb was exploded in front of Judge Ogden's home at Oakland, Cal. The whole front of the house was destroyed, but none of the inmates was injured.

President Baer of the Reading Railway Co., has been authorized by the board of directors of his company to advance the age limit of employees from 35 to 45 years.

Charged with having used a razor with probable fatal effects on Mrs. Ella Rheton, a white woman, and her daughter, and kicking her son, two colored women were shot to death at McKamie, Ark., by a mob.

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A Taft-Burton Boomlet.

Cleveland, March 21.—To make William H. Taft president of the United States, and to put Theodore E. Burton in the United States senate, in place of Joseph B. Foraker, is the program of the Roosevelt republicans of Ohio. Political exigencies may arise to necessitate a change in the latter part of this plan. As it is, however, the program has the tacit approval of President Roosevelt, and it will not be altered unless it should be in the way of the selection of a solid Taft delegation from Ohio to the republican national convention next year.

Brave Boy Saved Another's Life.

Sandusky, O., March 21.—Swimming out into the cold water of the lake, covered with floating ice cakes John Bushko, 12 years old, of Marble head, succeeded in rescuing Mike Redilla, aged 8, who had been carried out on a floating ice cake while at play with other boys. The Redilla boy was unconscious, and Bushko twice dove for him. Members of the life saving crew who live at Marble head restored the boy to consciousness after hard work, and he will recover.

Admitted that Complaints Were True.

Columbus, O., March 21.—At the hearing accorded by Attorney General Ellis to the Ashland & Western Railroad Co. to show cause why action should not be instituted by the state to oust it from its charter for failure to equip the road with rolling stock and give a freight service to those living and doing business along its line, representatives of the railroad, practically admitted that the complaints were warranted and the facts true.

Pleaded Not Guilty of Forgery.

Columbus, O., March 21.—Mort A. Williams, formerly councilman-at-large, pleaded not guilty in police court Wednesday to the charge of forgery and the case was set for trial on Saturday. The arrest was at the instance of the board of health, from whom Williams' company a short time ago secured a contract for the collection of night soil. The charge was made in connection with collections made for the company.

Report Condemns a Hospital.

Cleveland, March 21.—The chamber of commerce will investigate the city hospital. A very damaging report of that institution is now in the hands of the board of directors and will be given a careful hearing, with additional evidence to be secured by a paid attorney, according to intimations given by a member of the chamber. This report was the result of an investigation conducted by three of the best nurses in Ohio.

School Teachers Were Swindled.

Findlay, O., March 21.—Several book agents have taken \$500 from women school teachers in townships near here. They represented they were selling encyclopedias at a low rate and took the signature of the teacher so that sets they would send them for examination were sure to be returned, but the signatures turned up in the banks as notes, and the teachers paid them rather than fight the case.

Convicted of Criminal Assault.

Elyria, O., March 21.—Frank Mead prominently in Lorain society circles was on Wednesday found guilty of having criminally assaulted Mary Wambold, a Hungarian girl, employee in the Mead household. He is out on \$5,000 bond, pending a motion for a new trial.

Horawhipped Her Husband.

Lima, O., March 21.—Intensely jealous of her sister-in-law, and declaring that her husband spent his time and money with his kinawoman, Mrs. Harry Simpson visited her husband's barber shop Wednesday armed with a huge whip. Calling him to the sidewalk, and in the presence of many witnesses, she laid on the lash until the police took a hand. The woman was arrested.

Machinists Expect to Strike.

Cleveland, March 21.—"Local machinists expect to strike June 1 for a nine-hour day and the same wages they have been receiving for ten hours," said William Schneider, business agent of the local union, Wednesday. It is likely that the strike will be general, as the International Association of Machinists is notifying all unions to prepare for a struggle soon.

No Truth in the Report.

Columbus, O., March 21.—Samuel J. Flickinger, secretary to Gov. Harris said Wednesday that there was no truth in the report sent out from Washington to the effect that the president had invited Gov. Harris to Washington for a conference regarding political affairs in this state. No such invitation has been received from the president.

A Coal Dealer Is Sentenced.

Omaha, Neb., March 21.—S. E. Howell, president of the Omaha coal exchange, was on Wednesday sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve six months in the county jail. The sentence was imposed by Judge Sutton, of the district court, before whom Howell was convicted of conspiracy in restraint of trade. He and 50 other members of the coal exchange were indicted last fall by the county grand jury on the allegation of maintaining a trust, to fix and control prices of coal. The case is appealed to the supreme court.

Six Men Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., March 21.—The lining of a new furnace of the Woodward Iron Co. at Woodward fell Wednesday and hundreds of tons of brick buried a number of workmen. Six dead bodies have been recovered.

A Fisherman Kills Himself.

Vermillion, O., March 21.—Orson Meeker, aged 52, a fisherman, suicided Wednesday in his fish shanty here by shooting himself through the head.

Hissey Lunacy Affidavit Is Withdrawn.

Zanesville, O., March 21.—After a conference between Dr. Marion W. Hissey and his wife Wednesday the lunacy affidavit against him was withdrawn.

Wedding Check Went to Pay Debts.

Persons who have been at a loss to select presents for marrying friends often have fallen back upon the "sensible" practice of sending a check. "It saves the bride the bother of exchanging presents," has been the excuse. But the scheme has drawbacks, as in the case of a young man of social standing but slender means who recently married a girl whose father is one of our city millionaires. The wedding took place in Paris and several New York friends of the bridegroom "chipped in" for the sending of a large figured draft. They expected he would buy an automobile or some other real necessary article. Great was their annoyance when they learned the young man had used the check's proceeds to settling debts. He had gone to the extreme of meanness, in their eyes, and they will think twice before they make that form of gift again.—N. Y. Press.

Great Dish Washer.

Lew Shank, county recorder, was married a few weeks ago, says the Indianapolis Star. The other day he appeared about his usual haunts with a forefinger bound in many bandages. "Cut your finger?" asked one.

"Yes," said Shank.

"How?"

"On a glass," he said, mournfully. "Burglar, eh?"

"No, not a window glass," he hastened to explain. "On a tumbler, a drinking glass."

"How in thunder?" asked the man.

"Wiping it," he said. "Ran the dish towel way down to the bottom and before I knew it I had nearly cut the end of my finger off."

"Oh, I'm one of the greatest dish-washers you ever saw," he added.

Pope's Skull.

The skull of Alexander Pope, the poet and satirist, is in the private collection of a phrenologist. During some alterations in the churchyard where Pope was buried it was necessary to move his coffin, which was opened at the time to ascertain the state of his remains. By bribing the sexton of the church possession of the poet's skull was obtained for the night, and in the morning a different skull was returned instead. The cost of the skull, including the bribe, was 50 pounds.—The Sunday Magazine.

An All-Night Affair.

Clark—I heard the boss asking you just now what made you look so tired.

Rounds—Yes; I told him I was up early this morning.

Clark—What a lie! You never got up early in your life.

Rounds—I didn't say I 'got up,' I said I 'was' up."

Fire Destroys a Famous Hotel.

Perryburg, O., March 19.—Fire Monday completely destroyed the old Exchange hotel, the oldest hostelry in northwestern Ohio, and at one time the only hotel between Buffalo and Chicago. It held the distinction of quartering President William Henry Harrison, Henry Clay and Winfield Scott. It was erected in 1825.

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